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Editorial

THE NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION REPORT ON UNIFORM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS IN THE CLASSICS

Classical teachers felt that the battle for uniformity in their field was half won last winter, when fifteen men, appointed by the only national classical association, came to a unanimous agreement, and when their report was adopted by the appointing association. Now the success of this movement is seriously endangered by the appearance of a rival definition of uniform entrance requirements. Those of us who have known of the high aims and the excellent achievements of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools must doubly regret that this new definition is presented under its authority. On the one hand, the prestige of the Association is deservedly so great that there is danger of its recommendations being adopted by some colleges without sufficient examination; and on the other hand, we regret to see the Association weaken its influence by accepting an ill-considered report.

The American Philological Association appointed a committee of fifteen in December, 1908. After some preliminary correspondence, Mr. John C. Kirtland, the chairman of this committee, prepared a set of questions which covered almost every possible point that could come up in its deliberations. Each member of the committee prepared full answers to these questions and sent them to each of his colleagues. In October, 1909, every member of the committee went to Cleveland. There in full meeting every phrase of the report was patiently discussed. There is strong evidence that no such care was used in preparing the other report. On

p. 25 of the "Report of the Commission on Accredited Schools and Colleges of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools" a committee of nineteen is named for Latin and Greek. The personnel of the committee is excellent; but the only two members of it whom we have asked about it first learned of their membership on the committee by seeing their names in the printed report. Evidently the report was not considered in full meeting of the committee.

It is well known that the chief obstacle in the way of uniformity has been the individual requirements which certain great eastern institutions have thought it necessary to make. The report accepted by the Philological Association was assented to by representatives of each of these institutions, and yet contains nothing in the least objectionable to the great mass of institutions which admit on certificate. The committee of the North Central Association represents only the north central states. It is quite safe to say that the great eastern institutions will not accept a report which they have had no voice in making.

Unquestionably the Philological Association report is not above criticism. If the new report were based on serious criticism of the Philological Association report, its existence might be justified. But in fact, though the North Central report was adopted three months after the Philological Association report was adopted, it wholly ignores the Philological Association report. The North Central report begins by saying: "In Latin the Commission adopts the first two units as defined by the American Philological Association, and the third and fourth units as defined by the College Entrance Examination Board." But when one reads the statement of the first two units he finds them taken from a report several years old, which the Philological Association had discarded three months before.

In view of these facts we feel justified in asking all members of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South to do all that lies in their power to have the report of the North Central Association, so far as it applies to Latin, ignored by the colleges, and have that report rescinded by the North Central Association at its next meeting.